

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Menu of Budget Options

OFFICE OF THE INDEPENDENT BUDGET ANALYST REPORT

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When discussing proposed budgetary reductions for Fiscal Year 2012 at the Budget and Finance Committee meeting of November 10, 2010, Chair Young requested the Independent Budget Analyst construct a menu of options consisting of budget balancing ideas from various sources including San Diego Speaks, Councilmembers' budget memoranda, recommendations from the Citizens Revenue Review and Economic Competitiveness Commission, labor organizations, and other interested parties. Where available, the IBA was requested to provide information related to feasibility, process for implementation, and associated expenditure savings or revenue to be generated.

This report presents an overview of the Menu of Budget Options and describes the sources utilized to create the menu, the categorization of the menu options; and suggested areas for discussion.

The City Council is requested to provide feedback as to whether to pursue or eliminate specific options from the menu, or to possibly select specific items to be scheduled for a more comprehensive review and discussion at a future meeting of the Council or one of its Committees.

It has been proposed that the Menu of Budget Options could be a standing or recurring item on the Council docket to permit ongoing discussion of specific budget options each week.